

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

**1-25. (Canceled)**

26. **(Previously Presented)** An isolated polynucleotide comprising a portion of the mouse GDF-9 gene capable of regulating expression of an operably linked gene in oocytes, wherein the portion comprises the first 10 kilobases of DNA immediately 5' of the transcription start site of the GDF-9 gene.

27. **(Previously Presented)** An isolated polynucleotide comprising a portion of the mouse GDF-9 gene capable of regulating expression of an operably linked gene in oocytes or testis, wherein the portion comprises the first 3.3 kilobases of DNA immediately 5' of the transcription start site of the GDF-9 gene.

**28-29. (Canceled)**